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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/533,981	Applicant(s) GEIJTENBEEK ET AL.
	Examiner AMY E. JUEDES	Art Unit 1644

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If no period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2009.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 68-76 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 72-74 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 68-71 and 75-76 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/1648)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment and remarks, filed 1/29/09, are acknowledged.

Claims 53-67 have been cancelled.

Claims 68-76 have been added.

Claims 68-76 are pending.

2. Claims 72-74 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. In the reply filed 2/27/08, Applicant elected a method of stimulating an immune response for the treatment of cancer as the species of method (i.e. a method wherein the administered antigen is a tumor antigen). Claims 72-74 are drawn to a species of method wherein the antigen is a viral, fungal, or bacterial antigen. A method comprising stimulating an immune response to a viral, fungal, or bacterial antigen does not read on the elected method of treating cancer

Claims 68-71 and 75-76 are being acted upon.

3. All of the previous grounds of rejection are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment to the claims to limit the glycoconjugates to those comprising the Lewis X antigen.

4. The following are new grounds of rejection necessitated by Applicant's amendment.

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 68-71 and 75-76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by WO 98/39027, as evidenced by Coombs et al., 2005.

WO 98/39027 teaches a method of stimulating an immune response comprising administering glycoconjugate comprising a Lewis X antigen (see page 4 in particular). WO 98/39027 teaches that the Lewis X antigen can be conjugated to a glycolipid or to a tumor protein antigen (i.e. a protein which is capable of

being processed and presented as peptides in the context of MHC class I/II, see page 4). WO 98/39027 teaches performing the method for the treatment of patients suffering from cancer (see page 4). Additionally, as evidenced by Coombs et al., Lewis X antigens bind to DC-SIGN receptor (see page 22998, in particular). Thus, the method of WO 98/39027 which involves administering an antigen comprising a Lewis X antigen, would inherently result in the administration of the antigen through a DC-SIGN receptor of the individual.

Thus, the reference clearly anticipates the invention.

6. No claim is allowed.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy E. Juedes, whose telephone number is 571-272-4471. The examiner can normally be reached on 7am to 3:30pm, Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached on 571-272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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